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In re Application of: Pietras et al.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please cancel claim 25.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "2 or 3".

Claim 5, line 1, please delete "2, 3 or 4".

Claim 7, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim", and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, please delete "any preceding claim", and insert --claim 1--.